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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT : IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C259C

1. IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C259C was successfully flown
on 16 October 1969, with the "H" Camera. System [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The off shore route was
flown to obtain photo, ELINT [REDACTED] coverage of Port Arthur
area, the Shantung Peninsula south along the Yellow Sea to a point
approximately 50 miles east of Yen-Cheng.

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2. The U-2R aircraft 057 departed [REDACTED] at
16/0055Z and landed at 16/0635Z for a mission duration of 5+40.

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Pilot was [REDACTED] This was his second opera-
tional mission for calendar year 1969.

3. The weather along the route was forecast to be Category II
(1/8 to 2/8 cloud cover) with light haze. Weather reported was Category
I (clear) and Category II to a point southwest of Cheju-do Island,
(33°20' N 126° 30' E), Category IV (5/8 to 7/8) for the next 100 miles
then clear to about 33N, directly west of Cheju-do Island. Observed
weather became Category IV on the eastbound leg away from the main-
land to a point approximately 200 miles southwest of Cheju-do Island
and then Category I for the remainder of the route. Weather was better
than briefed.

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4. MIG scramble was reported at 0328Z when the U-2 was southwest of Port Arthur. [] activity was reported by the [] at 034740Z when mission aircraft was abeam the Shantung Peninsula. []

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[] activity was observed by pilot, nor was aircraft sighted. A second MIG scramble from Tsang Shien at 0358Z. Highest altitude reported for this interceptor was 40000 feet. At 041740Z, pilot observed, and [] reported [] activity. This occurred southeast of Ching-Tao submarine base (36°N 120°E). Evasive action taken to the left and then repeated to the right [] Pilot felt a "shock wave" at this same time and saw what he described as a MIG-21 pass from right to left about 500 to 1000 feet below, and as close as 500 feet away. Interceptor disappeared to the left.

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right arrows. The Aircraft general and all equipment operated normally. There were no write-ups on mission.

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